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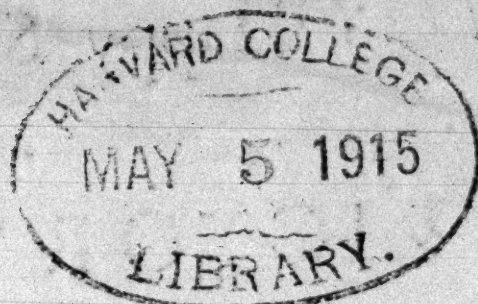
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IT is not any part of my intended brief Work, to write an Eulogy for Astrology, the Art or Science it self being able to dilate her own praises; but my design aymes to give a satisfaction, how far either in general or particular, the same Art hath predicted or foretold good fortune and happy success to attend all the affairs of *Great Britain*, in this present year current, and the future; and also what miseries and calamities shall attend the malicious Enemies thereof, well knowing, that there is hardly any greater encouragement to the attaining of high and honorable things, then when the undertakers are drawn by an assured confidence of a promised and even ascertained success: To the creating of which encouraged confidence, be pleased to observe, that Mr. *Bocker* in *March* this year, saith,

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Much good is
promised to
this Nation, as
well to Prince
& other Gran-
dees, as also to
the Generality
of the People.

*If health, wealth, plenty, peace, and all that's good
Flow in upon us, if 't be not withstood
By our unthankfulness, then we have cause
Greatly to joy; but by the Starry Laws
Of this rare * Revolution, 'tis decreed,
Of our misfortunes, that we shall be freed.*

* Speaking of
Conjunction
of Mars and
Jupiter in Febr.

And to prove that there is something of certainty in the
said Art, hear what the same person avoucheth con-
cerning the late burning of London: I shall tell the
World, saith he, that the late fearfull destructive Fire,
that hath so lamentably defaced London, was long since
above an hundred years ago predicted, I believe Astro-
logically. *Michaell Nostredamus* of St. Remy in *Provence*,
Physician to the King, and a great Mathematician and
Astrologer, who dyed the 2. of July 1566. aged 62.
years, published certain *Quadrins* in *French*, which
was printed 1555. The Book is in divers mens hands,
I my self have had one above 40 years, amongst the rest
in *Quadrin* 51. are these words;

*Le sangue du Juste a Londres fera fant
Bruslez par foudres, de Vingt trois, les six,
La Dame Antique cherra de place haut,
De mesme secte plusieurs serront occis.*

Englised;

*For th' Just mans blood at London spilt, the same
By Thundring Fire shall be reduc'd to flame;
That antient Lady's lofty head must droop,
And many of her Cit'zens forc'd to stoop.*

Amongst

Amongst all the Astrological Predictions mentioned in any age, either antient or modern, or in any History I ever yet read, this is the most remarkable, and of it self able to stop the mouths of all Astrologomastiers: I have given the translation or reposition of the same, and leave it to posterity to admire it. Thus much he saith of what is past; hear something more of what is to come. For he, speaking of the Suns Vernal Ingress, and the position of the Heavens at the same time, breaks forth into these words. A most admirable position, and if we should retrocalculate the Suns Ingress for 500 years, we should not meet with such a wonderfull position of expected good successe *in omnibus*, in all the Kings Reigns since *William the Conqueror*. To be short, it signifies health, wealth and prosperity both to King and People, Victory over Enemies, or agreement betwixt those that have been at odds, perfect amity amongst Friends, notable occurrences about Ecclesiastical affairs, and results about Religion, the preferment of some Pious and Religious Persons, happy Navigations, and prosperous return of many rich Ships, to the Kings great profit, and weal of the Publick, many notable Embassyes from Foreign parts concerning high matters, to the great joy and content of all from the highest to the meanest.

Mr. Gadbury in his Poetical Observations, saith thus in *January*:

*Saturn is rampant yet, and with the Sun
(The second day) is in Conjunction;
Joves Sextile rayes do qualifie the hate,
And turn the fury to some neighbour State;*

Great

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Great Britain is secure, her Worthies free,
whose fates concur with her felicity:

And in February thus :

England upon her Enemies may be
Aveng'd to purpose for their surquedry.

And in June he sayes thus :

The two last Junes great slaughters were on Sea,
Strange discontents and Treacheries on shore,
The Dutch and French have cause to rue the day
They slighted Englands friendship heretofore ;
If wise for future they may thrive, and then
The French, a Kingdom ; Dutch, High-states agen.

And in July he proceeds :

But now a Thundring Aspect doth appear,
Threatning great Navies to be drawing near ;
Bright Sol's in Cancer, Chrono's in the Goat,
Holland and her Confederates change their note ,
Stout Mars, Great Britains Planet, rules alone !
Makes July, June ! OBSERVE IT EVERY ONE:

And in August :

Let England keep but peaceable at home,
No State of Europe dare her roome
At Land or Sea : She's made for Victory ;
Thrice happy Nations that with her comply.

And

And in his discourse of the Suns Vernal Ingress, he saith; *Mars* the Patron of *England*, is found strong and powerfull, &c. intimating a more then ordinary activity in the Genius of the *English* Nation; not only inclining, but prompting them to high and eminent Engagements with Foreign Nations, and promising them Victory over their Enemies, and giving them a sufficiency of power to prescribe Laws and limits to them. Adding further; They shall overcome them, and that so remarkably, that they shall tread them under their feet; and for that Year, shall very rare (if at all) receive any interruption or check in their hopes, victories or successes.

Mr. *wing* saith in *April*: *Holland* cannot thrive, neither can we forget her Treachery: *France* holds up her head a while. And in *June* and *July*; Is not *England* Victorious? if so, then *Holland* gets little, and *France* less; for great alterations and changes in the World may be shortly expected;

Most look to hear, of Peace this Year;
But if not so, then Hollands woe.

And speaking of the Suns entring *Aries*, he hath these words. I might here speak somewhat of the present War between us and *Holland*, and see what may be said Astrologically touching the event and issue thereof, but I shall at present say little; yet this I say, There is no Configuration of the Celestial bodies that may dismay us in the least, or that doth in any wise promise them Victory.

Mr.

Mr. Trigg in his Monthly observations expresseth himself thus. *France* aime not to high, thy Grandeur may suffer an Ecclipse as great as in the year 1651, if with great prudence thou doest not prevent it; thy Counsels may do more by Peace then War. Therefore *Frenchmen* and *Hollanders* be not too forward, your repentant hour is near, unlesse in time you be so wise as to make peace with the *English* Nation, all whose Enemies shall truckle under her; so that there will be great hopes of concluding an honourable Peace with one or more Nations, who now begin to find, that fighting against the *English* (a People from the beginning ordained for victory) is to no purpose, since the Stars have designed them never to take the foile (unlesse by Treachery from within herself) from any people in the whole world.

Mr. Fly saith, Our Enemies begin to comply, be more mild, and think of friendship. And speaking of cloudy inconstant weather, It is, saith he, much like our Enemies, the *French* and the *Dane*, who are still plotting and contriving against us, but to little purpose; Glad would they be to be quiet.

Mr. *Andrews* in several of his monthly Observations, declares himself thus. Providence smiles upon the Kingdome of *England*. And we doubt not, but that the Heavens will favour the *English*, and that his Majesties Subjects will be in a thriving and good Posture; And his Armies and Navyes whereever employed, will be very successfull in all their undertakings, and performe some businesse of consequence. The Emperours Dominions

minions not quiet. The *Swedes* are active; The *Danes* full of troubles: but still we find the Kingdome of *England* in a flourishing temper, and the *English* seem very formidable in sundry parts of the world, so that we have great cause to predict good success to the Forces and Navyes of his Majesty of *Great Britain*, wherever engaged. Moreover, about *July*, the *Hollander* or *Dutch* may be sufficiently sensible of the malicious aspects of the *Starrs*, for assuredly their Forts and Ships are not far off from danger, and if God have not ere then composed the differences between his Majesty of *Great Britain* and that people, *viz.* the *Dutch*, then they must expect to be very much humbled by the *English*. Towards the *Baltique* Sea somewhat very considerable may happen, wherein the *Danes* and *Hollanders* may be highly concerned, and if they shall appear with their Fleet and Navy in a Warlike posture against the *English* in *August*; then let them take what follows; *viz.* a total or fatal overthrow. Lastly, we do perfectly discover by the Positions and Configurations of the *Starrs*, that his Majesties Kingdomes and Dominions will be in a prosperous condition, and be blessed in their undertakings, even to the very amazement of Forreign Countries. But afflictions, miseries, troubles and misfortunes shall attend the *Dutch* this year, and they must expect no good success, unlesse God in mercy shall grant them the favour of his Majesty of *Great Britain* before the Spring 1667, or if Heaven have not ere that time directed those people unto a happy compliance or composition of controversies with him.

Then speaking of *London*, he saith, and assuredly we have now great cause to affirm, that *London* our *English*

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Metropolis shall be in a flourishing state again, and in a very prosperous condition, so that people may safely build houses there, as being confident (according to the rules of Art) of the great felicity that shall ere long attend that City.

Then turning his discourse to *France*, he saith, We have sufficient cause to predict, that some sad and disastrous Events will in this year 1667. befall the City of *Paris*, and that the *French* Kings Affairs will find much interruption in sundry parts of the World; and the *French* and *Dutch* will be in a sad condition, unless they comply with *England*; and we hope the World towards the latter end of 1667. will appear in a more settled condition then formerly.

Mr. *Saunders* saith; From good and rational grounds I pronounce, that the Revolutions of the Heavens this Year, promise much prosperity to come to formerly afflicted *London*, and her Governours, in her re-edification; and that such Prizes or Composition may probably be brought in from the amazed and depressed *Dutch*, that may adde much to her felicity, and well replete his Majesties Treasures; for till a Submissive Peace be concluded, the *English* will gain ground of that elated Nation, who proudly assume the Attributes of the Creator, calling themselves *High and Mighty*, which Blasphemy will sufficiently be rewarded by the next Revolution 1668. which time will set his Majesty of *England* free, with Victory and Honour over all his Enemies; therefore (though things be banded to and fro, and look upon us with a face of unsettlement in the mean time) let us rest assured in this, That the year (1668.) will be

be a Jubilee to *England*, and I derive this Judgement from warrantable grounds of Art: But this present year will be a time of Action, much businesse and great designs attempted: But the language of the Stars in general speak prosperity to *England*, with good successe, and especially to her famous Metropolitan *London*, which the Almighty will miraculously (to her glory) raise out of the ashes, and, like *Job*, redouble her fame and losses, and command the very Treasures of her Enemies to repair her Ruines; and those noxious natural qualities, which both affected and infected the Earth, her air and waters, are now spent and exhausted, which likewise predicts her happiness, as to health, for many succeeding years.

Mr. *Lilly* pronounceth his Judgement in these terms, viz. The King of *France* and his Kingdom, or the severall Provinces, Dukedoms or Principalities thereof, are threatned this year; more particularly he is to suffer great damage in his Affairs, by the death of some eminent Ecclesiastical person, or one of the prime Magistrates of his Kingdom; as also by reason of some general turbulent commotion of his oppressed Subjects. And it may also be rationally affirmed, that some sudden occasion of War will much discompose the great Affairs of his Imperial Majesty, from an Eastern people, or in his own Eastern Patrimony or Dominion; nor is there like to be any handsome Unity between the Monarch of *France* and him, but rather that a fierce War will ensue betwixt the *Germans* and *French*. When this War doth break forth, then will *France* suffer great mischief, as well internally in the bowels of her Country, as ex-

ternally from the Invasions of several other people ; We do also probably conj. cture, that in or near the Years 1672. or 1673. there will be some irruption made into *Poland*, or other Countries towards those parts, by the rude *Tartars*, and many fresh Controversies or Differences will fall out betwixt the *Swedes* and Crown of *Denmark*. Secondly, we find in one of the Sybils, a Prophesie, thus written, viz. That a Star shall arise in *Europe* over the *Iberians*, towards the great House of the North, whose beams shall unexpected enlighten the whole World ; and this person is to appear, when most Nations being wearied with War, shall willingly embrace Peace ; so that a Great and Warlike King or Prince shall arise out of the North, whose Wars and Actions shall be diametrically opposite to the present Times ; and at last he shall settle the distracted condition of many Nations in peace.

If the rules of the Antients hold true, we must ad- judge happiness to *England* ; therefore let no true *English* heart fail him, or be much troubled with the rumour of the Times, or be weary in assisting his Majesty in person or purse ; for at the Suns entrance into *Aries*, there is the most promising position of Heaven for his Majesties successes against all Enemies whatsoever, that yet hath been since the Wars we have had, be they *Dutch*, *Dane*, or *French* : And we may judge the greatest Transactions of *Europe*, and of highest concernment, will be managed by his Majesty of *England*, his Counsellors and Conductors, both as to War and Peace, with great magnanimity and haughtiness of Spirit as unto the Martial part, and with as great Gravity and Prudence on the Civil. And although the general Affairs of Christendom seem

to be managed something confusedly, yet in *England* they are carried on with great courage and vivacity of Spirit, with sincerity, and upright hearts and intentions. In some Countries matters are carried on with high words, and great brags and boastings; in other places with nothing but deceit, fraud, juggling, and under-hand dealing; in other places with subile delays, Treacheries, and feigned devices; however great preparations are ordering as well for Sea as for Land, for the major part of this year we must expect Military actions: And truly some high design will be in hand, which will almost put the world to a stand what it may be; if it be lawfull to conjecture the series of it, we have great confidence that the whole Honour and Glory of that action, that design or designs, be they by Sea or Land, shall redown'd unto the high Renown and Honour of his Majesty of *Great Brittain*, and to his Naval Forces wherever engaged; and against whatsoever Enemy or Enemies either *Dutch*, *Dane*, or *French*, and this to the great comfort of all his Majesties loving Subjects; for the configurations of Heaven were never more propitious for advancement of the whole *British* affaires then in this year 1667.

All the Planets argue, that neither the *Hollander* or their Confederate the *French*, though highly industrious and Active, are very ready or well provided for any action toward the Spring; yet (as was said before) they use great industry: but whoever fight against Providence, are sure to be worsted and vanquished, as we do not question both *Dutch* and *French* will be, whenever they shall dare either singly or joyntly to incounter his Majesties Navy or Navies. Nay, more probably, the Plague
is

is like to come among the *Hollanders*, both into their Cities, and Towns, and Ships amongst their Seamen; then follows a consumption and decay of their Estates and Fortunes in all the habitable parts of the World, wheresoever they Traffick; Besides, they are threatned with irreconcilable differences and discords amongst their Principal Officers and Grandees, as also commotions and murmurings in the vulgar sort of people, nay perhaps one Province against another.

True it is, the Heavens seem to give hopes of accommodation in the present War with *Holland* and *France*, if we could believe the *Hollanders* were as yet sufficiently chastised for their former insolencies, or had suffered that measure of misfortune, which Providence hath assigned for them, both by a fearfull Plague, Pestilence, Insurrections, Deluges by Inundations, and drowning part of their Territories, scarcity of all sorts of Provisions, loss in their Fishing-trade, loss of their Navies and Merchants Ships in all and every Place, Kingdom and Country. A wilfull and obstinate people they are signified to be, in not embracing those gracious opportunities of Peace, which otherwise might be obtained from his Majesty of *Great Britain*. Its probable they expect, or are in hopes of assistance from the *French* King, and *Denmark*, and perhaps ayd is intended them; but it seems for a time either retarded, or their Ally not capable in condition, or may stand upon some Articles or Covenants not before mentioned or thought upon: And we say further, that Providence, it is like, directs his Majesties Forces or Navies so happily, that they keep *Monsieur* from acting or joyning with them—so that the *Hollander* shall meet with all manner of impediments, hinderances and
delays

delayeres in all their Affairs, and a general ill disposition of whatever belongs to them in their own Dominions; And that their Rich men, their Antient men, their Ministers, their Boores or Rustical people, their Mariners and Sea-faring men, every one in his kind will be weary of this their War with *England*; *Et blasphemabunt se invicem: viz.* They will blaspheme and curse one another, and all those who at first introduced them to this fatal and unlucky War.

And shortly after, in his discourse upon the Ingress of the Sun into Cancer, the 11th. of *June*, he saith: If the Lord God in mercy to the *Hollanders* incline not their hearts to mediate for Peace ere this time, (as there is no great probability they will) then is their Condition represented to be sad within a few months following: For (saith he) that King who rules over Gemini (and that is the King of *England*) shall be exalted, or much magnified, and shall be Victorious over his Enemies.

In his Monthly Observations are these passages: Many reports fly abroad, as if some Treaty for Peace were in hand; People willingly embrace that Intelligence, but time makes it appear a Vapour. Our Enemies have not yet had a sufficient share of the second Comets influence, let them expect it with a sad interest in this Summer; but we may expect an happy Unity among our selves, and perceive Gods mercies generally to smile upon the Actions of his Majesty, and Grand Affairs of the whole Nation, infinitely to the satisfaction of all sober persons. An appearance of drawing Forces into *Normandy*, the *French* King being active, but Providence seems to contradict his intentions; and the prudence of his Majesty of *England* prevents all fear of *French* Invasion.

sion. Whether the *French* King resolve upon War or Peace, is no matter, if his Navies will peep out of their Harbours, they must return home again if they can; but assuredly destruction, or captivity, or sinking will be the final end of most of those, who shall encounter his Majesty of *Great Britains* Sea Forces this year.

And in *March* he saith thus: The Monarch of *Great Britain* seems in greatest readines for Action, and best provided: The *Dutch* fearfull of a Plague, and Consumption of their Seamen, nor in a present capacity of undertaking any great design. The *French* seem at a stand, some emergent misfortune having happened unto them, or feared to happen among themselves suddenly. *Ne verbum quidem de Dano*: The *Dane* cannot get out of his Harbors; *No penny, no Pater-nosters*: The *Swedish* Nation seem the most active of all *Europe*, and there is reason, for some violent storm is like to break forth upon them from a barbarous people, if not prevented. The *Amsterdam* Merchants, as also the Generality of *Holland*, find great opposition in their Vocations and Callings, they seem now more sensible of their present sad condition, then for some years before; for whenever the *Hollanders* come out to Sea, they are sure to be worsted, by firing, burning or taking their best and most serviceable Ships, killing and destroying their most able and serviceable Commanders and men; neither will the *Dane* or *French* speed better: The *Dane* seems to lose his honour by not fighting, and much aspersed therefore; Providence seems to blesse the *French* King with answerable success; viz. with the Captivity of many of his Ships and men; but this Nation seems blessed with some remarkable testimony of Gods favour, in or near the
month

month of *May*, highly to the honour of his Majesty, and satisfaction and content of the whole Kingdom, for there is probability of much Honour conferred on deserving persons: And we have cause to believe, his Majesty to be much honoured near that time, by several Embassadors from Foreign parts, to congratulate his successes: but Heaven, we fear, hath not such blessing for the *Hollanders*, Divine Vengeance having as yet not scourged them sufficiently for their former insolencies. The King of *Denmark* threatned with War, and many sad mischances near his own confines, a sturdy Enemy and powerfull, watching all opportunities against him. The *French* King seems to expend much money, and to make great preparations to little purpose; he will in a short time be sensible of the first Comets influence for evil, and not for good. About *June* strange News from *Holland*, as if all were in an uproar, we believe they will be then in a sad and fearfull condition.

The *Hollander* from the ill success he shall find in *July*, if he submit not before unto a Peace, shall perceive its in vain to strive against the King of *England*, whose Forces (though not without much blood) shall obtain so remarkable a Victory over both *French*, *Dutch*, and *Danes*, as the like hath not been heard of in any age: If Providence have assigned that month for a Sea-fight, its the *Ultimum vale* of the *Hogens*: But if Providence retard the actions intended in *July*, untill *August*, then they seem more ponderous and weighty at that time, all parties being better prepared: And those Navies, those Souldiers who are under the Dominion, or dwell in the Land of *Mars*, (as the *English* do) shall overcome their Enemies, because there is much of choller, anger and boldness

in them, whereas in *Saturnine* people (such are the *Hollanders*) there is much fear and cowardice, by reason of their want of heat.

Towards *September* mens minds begin to hearken after Peace, and many general rumours dispersed and spoken of to that purpose, yet some of the male configurations in *August* may manifest their sad influences in *September*, unto the greater glory of *England*; but exceeding misfortune of our Enemies, whether *Dutch*, *Dane*, or *French*, whose imperious King findes great obstructions in his Civil affairs at home, and lesser satisfaction in his Military proceedings abroad; so that we may truly say of him, he may expect little gain, nor gainfull returns in such things and actions from which he thought to have reaped great gain, his Confederates will reap no benefit from his assistance, and therefore there will follow Controversies and disquits between them, viz. there is much probability of a breach of the League betwixt him and the *Dutch*, and others. In *November* the Monarch of *Great Britain* visited from parts beyond the Seas by several Agents, for settlement of all differences and controversies, so that if the *Dutch* be not ordain'd for a full destruction, a peace in probability is near at hand; but if they shall still wilfully neglect his Majesties civility and clemency, let them note this Prediction, which will operate and be in full force against them all 1667. viz. unexpectedly they shall receive much damage from whence they least expected it; constantly troubl'd with quarrellings and controversies amongst their Martial Commanders, by whose malice much detriment happens unto them; a sudden wreck or subversion of their Estates (which is most part in Ships;) with shame and scorn many will be depos'd from their

their Authority; they will in 1667 be so shaken with all manner of misfortunes, they will not know what to do.

The Propheſie of ARISE EVANS in his Book called The Light of the Jews, written 10 years ſince. In which Book he poſitively foretold the King's Reſtauration, and that it ſhould be ſo miraculoſly as it was, v. z. without Blood-ſhed. He afterwards ſpeaking of a War that ſhould ariſe between Holland and the King, he pronounces theſe following words to declare the ſucceſs of that War.

THE false, envious, perfidious, ingratefull, covetous *Hollander*, being proud, reproacheth the King with foul language, becauſe of his former afflictions, by which God refined and fitted him for future glory, and takes all oecaſion and advantage to do what miſchief they can to the King and his Subjects; neither will they forbear, but ſtill go on in their malice againſt the King, that God might utterly deſtroy them, and blot out their Names from being a **S T A T E** under Heaven; for proud *Holland* ſhall be made the firſt Object of God's wrath for fighting againſt King *Charles*, and deſpiſing him. Therefore bleſſed and happy ſhall thoſe Kings and People be, that ſhall take their Power and Authority from King *Charles*, and live under his protection; for all his proud Enemies that ſhall deſpiſe him, and reſuſe to ſubmit unto him, ſhall be deſtroyed. Afore this time, when the *Hollander* begged a relief from *England*, and had it, they then called themſelves *The poor diſtreſſed States*; but now being rich and proud, they diſdain all Kings, and call themſelves *The High and Mighty States of HOLLAND*, and would have *England* to be theirs; but the *English* ſhall deſtroy them.

The same in his *Eccho to the Voyce from Heaven*, recites a Propheſie of Mr. *Truſwells*, the Recorder of *Lincoln*, which is as followeth :

The *Lilly* ſhall remain in a merry World, and he ſhall be moved againſt the ſeed of the *Lyon*, and he ſhall ſtand on one ſide amongſt Thrones of his Kingdom and Country; which Kingdom is the Land of the *Moon*, which is to be devided throughout all the World.

And there came the *Son of Man*, bearing three wilde Beaſts in his Armes, with a Company of People, he ſhall paſs many Waters, and he ſhall come to the Land of the *Lyon* looking for help with the Beaſts of his own Country.

And in that year there ſhall come an *Eagle* out of the Eaſt, and his Wings ſpread with the Beaks of the *Son of Man*.

And in that year ſhall be deſtroyed Caſtles upon *Thames*, and there ſhall be great fear over all the World, and in part of the Land. There ſhall be great Battles among many Kingdoms.

That day ſhall be the Bloody Field, and the *Lilly* ſhall loſe his Crown, and there ſhall be Crowned the *Son of Man*.

And in the fourth year, many Battles ſhall be for the Faith, and moſt of the World ſhall be ſtoopen; but the *Son of Man*, with the *Eagle*, ſhall be preſerved, and there ſhall be a Universal Peace over all the World. Then ſhall the *Son of Man* receive a miraculous Token, and there ſhall be great plenty of Fruits, and then he ſhall go to the Land of the *Croſs*.

I will not undertake to interpret the aforesaid Prophe-
sie, only from my Author take notice, That by the *Lilly*
 is meant *France*; and by the *Son of Man* bearing three
 wilde Beasts in his Armes, is meant the King of Eng-
land; The rest will be then understood of course.

Thus we have led you through the learned Judgments
 of all our famous and most knowing Astrologers, who,
 as you heard, do all *unâ voce* foretell Happiness and Suc-
 cess to his Majesty in all his Undertakings; May they
 all prove unto him the words of Truth and Certainty:
 and truly there is little reason to doubt, since they have
 walked by the rule of that Art, which, although it layes
 no claim to Infallability, yet hath never in it self been
 detected of Falshood. For proof of which, I will quote
 you an Assertion out of *Gaffarell's* unheard of Curiosities,
 (c. 13. sect. 3.) and so conclude, His words are these:

All the Learned among the Antients called the Hea-
 vens *Sacred Books*, among whom the Learned *Origen*,
 interpreting after this manner, that is subtilly and queint-
 ly, that Passage in *Genesis*, *Et erunt in signa*, affirms,
 (as he is reported by *Eusebias*) That the *Starres* were
 placed in this order in the Heavens, for no other end
 but to shew by their divers Aspects, Conjunctions and
 Figures, whatever is to happen while the World en-
 dures, as well in general as particular; yet not so, as if
 They were the Cause of these Things, never any such
 thing came into the Thought, much less into the Wri-
 tings of this Learned Man; For as the Prophecies that
 are written in Books, are not the cause those Events
 which they foretell, but the sign: In like manner,
 faith

faith he, may the Heavens very justly be called a Book,
wherein God hath written all that hath been, is, and here-
after shall be. And for confirmation of this, he citeth
a Passage out of a Book, the Title whereof is, *Narratio*
Joseph, a Book in his time highly esteemed by all men,
wherein the Patriarch *Jacob* giving his Blessing to all his
Children, tells them, That he had read in the Tables of
Heaven all that ever was to befall them and their Poster-
ity. Whence the same *Origen* concludeth, as well in his
Tract on this Question, *Utrum Stelle aliquid agant*, as in
his Book *de Principiis*, cap. 6. that some Mysteries may surely
be read in the Heavens.

Let no Man therefore cavil at, or question the afore-
mentioned Judgement; but rather heartily pray, That
they may be certainly fulfilled, to his Majesties Honor
and Glory, and his Peoples Happiness and Satisfaction.

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